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In re application of:

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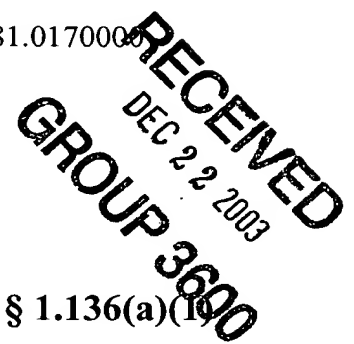
For: **System, Method, and Computer
Program Product for Weather
and Terrestrial Vegetation-Based
Water Renovation and
Management Forecasting**

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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended 2 months from October 14, 2003 to December 14, 2003 (next business day policy) by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$210.00 for a 2 months extension for a small entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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